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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (PARA 6)

EO 11652: GDS
TAGS: CI, UN, SREF
SUBJECT: UNHCR REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE
REF: SANTIAGO 5219, 5273
1. THIS MORNING I WAS VISITED BY UNHCR REPS PERKINS,
BLANSHIRE AND SCHACTER WHO FORMALLY REQUESTED US ASSISTANCE
IN PROVIDNG HOMES IN THE U. S. FOR ALIENS RESIDING IN CHILE
WHO MUST LEAVE THE COUNTRY.

2. SPECIFIC AND IMMEDIATE PROBLEM OF UNHCR IS FINDING
FOREIGN HOMES FOR APPROXIMATELY 160 INDIVIDUALS PLUS IN SOME
CASES THEIR FAMILIES WHO HAVE BEEN RELEASED FROM DETENTION
IN THE NATIONAL STADIUM. THESE INDIVIDUALS ARE CURRENTLY
IN A SAFEHAVEN OPERATED BY THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR AID TO
REFUGEES UNDER THE FLAG AND PROTECTION OF THE SWISS EMBASSY.
ALL THOSE IN THE "SWISS HOUSE" MUST LEAVE CHILE WITHIN
SEVEN DAYS BY TERMS OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN UNHCR AND GOC. TWENTY OF
THE FORMER DETAINEES HAVE EXPRESSED
INTEREST IN BEING SENT FOR RESETTLEMENT TO THE U.S.

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3. MOST OF TWENTY ARE BRAZILIANS OR BOLIVIANS.MANY ARE MARRIED

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AND HAVE CHILDREN. NUMBER OF CASES THERFORE OF INDIVIDUALS
SEEKING U.S. ASSISTANCE APPROCIMATELY 35 INCLUDING SPOUSES
AND CHILDERN.

4. UNHCR REPS STATED THAT THEIR OFFICE IN NEW YORK HAD BEEN INTOUCH
WITH OFFICE OF REFUGEE AFFAIRS IN DEPARTMENT AND THATIT ALSO
PROBABLE THAT UN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES PRINCE
SADRUDDIN KHAN HAD VISITED DEPT OR WILL SOON DO SO TO DISCUSS
MATTER.

5. EMBASSY WILL SEND NAMES AND BIO DATA ON INDIVIDUALS REQUEST-
ING U.S. RESETTLEMENT TO APPROPRIATE POSTS FOR CONSULAR CHECKS.

6. IN ADDITION TO ABOVE MENTIONED CASES OF FORMER DETAINED.
UNHCR REPS INDICATED THAT THERE AREOTHER FOREIGNERS WHO MUST LEAVE CH
ILE (BUT NOT QUITE AS RAPIDLY)WHO WILL PROBABLY REQUEST RESETTLE-
MENT. IN U.S. TOTAL NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED NOT EXPECTED TO
EXCEED 100.

7. ACTION REQUESTED : DEPT INFORM EMBASSY OF POLICY
REGARDING INDIVIDUALS REQUESTING U.S. RESETTLEMENT AS WELL AS
WHETHER POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT FINAL DECISION ON
THIS MTTER MAY BE MADE WITHIN VERY TIGHT TIME FRAME (SEVEN
DAYS) UNDER WHICH UNHCT REPS OPERATING.
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